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REMARKS

1. Claims 1, 5, 6, 10-15, 19, 20 and 24-29 remain pending in this application. The limitations of dependent claims 2 and 9 have been incorporated into independent claim 1. Consequently, claims 2-4 and 7-9 have been canceled, and the dependencies of claims 5, 6, 10, 13 and 14 have been amended. Likewise, the limitations of dependent claims 16 and 23 have been incorporated into independent claim 15. Consequently, claims 16-18 and 21-23 have been canceled, and the dependencies of claims 19, 20, 24, 28 and 29 have been amended. Lastly, typographical errors have been corrected in claims 10, 11 and 24.
2. Claims 7, 8, 10, 21 and 24 were objected to because of certain informalities. Correction has been made to those claims that remain pending. Accordingly, this objection may now be withdrawn.
3. Claims 1-8, 11-22 and 25-29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by US 4,891,223 to Ambeganokar et al. Since the limitations of dependent claims 2 and 9 have been incorporated into independent claim 1, and the limitations of dependent claims 16 and 23 have been incorporated into independent claim 15, this rejection has been rendered moot. Accordingly, the rejection of claims 1-8, 11-22 and 25-29 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by US 4,891,223 to Ambeganokar et al. may now be withdrawn.
4. Claims 9, 10, 23 and 24 were deemed to be allowable if rewritten in independent form and corrected for the minor informalities. Since all formal requirements appear to have been met, and the amended claims define patentable subject matter, a Notice of Allowance at the Examiner's earliest convenience is respectfully solicited.

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